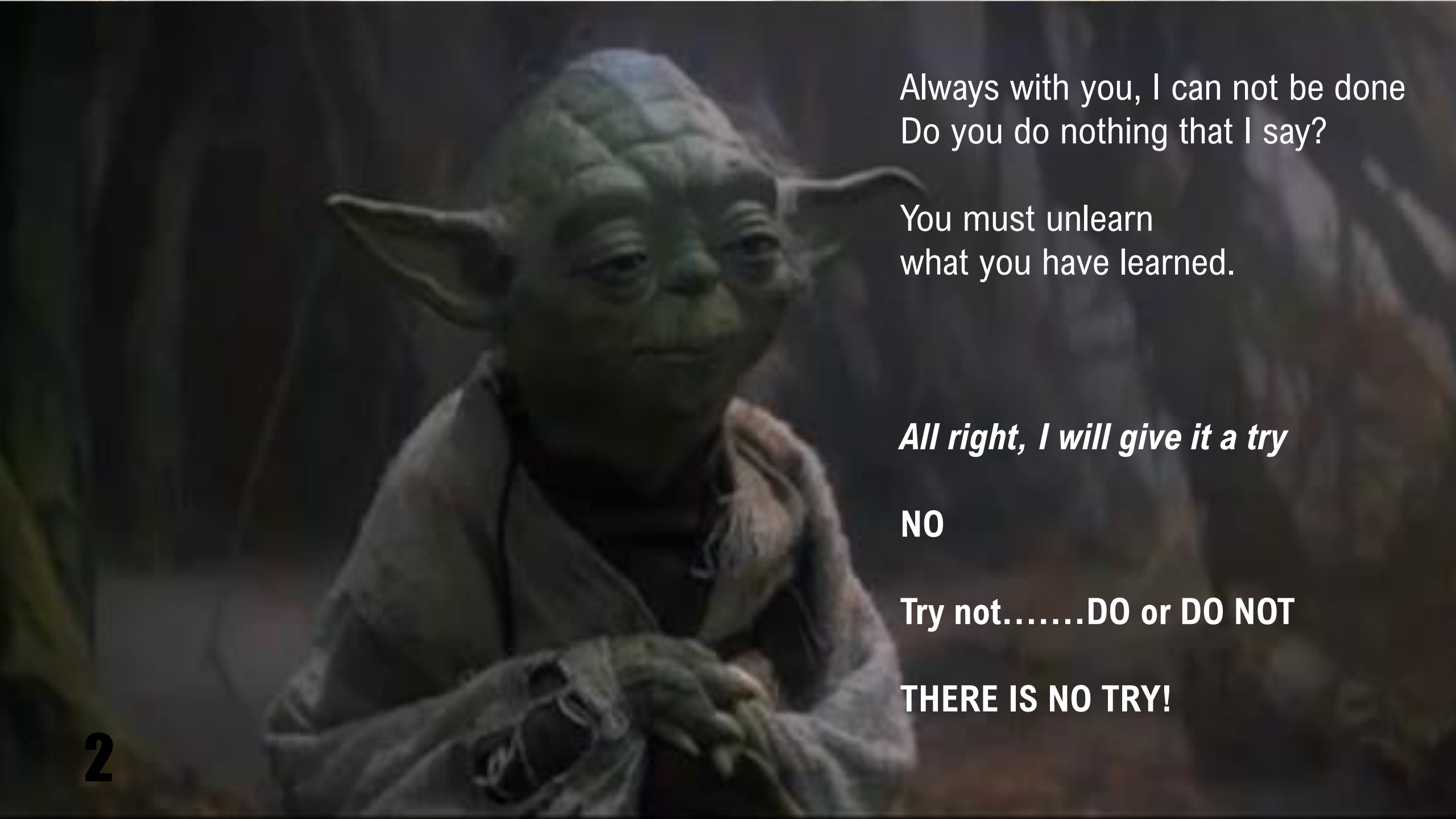


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# Romans 15:22-29

## Living in God's Plan

Romans 1:13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I **planned** many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.



Always with you, I can not be done  
Do you do nothing that I say?

You must unlearn  
what you have learned.

*All right, I will give it a try*

**NO**

**Try not.....DO or DO NOT**

**THERE IS NO TRY!**





1,511 miles

# PAUL'S FIRST JOURNEY

- First half of journey
- Second half of journey

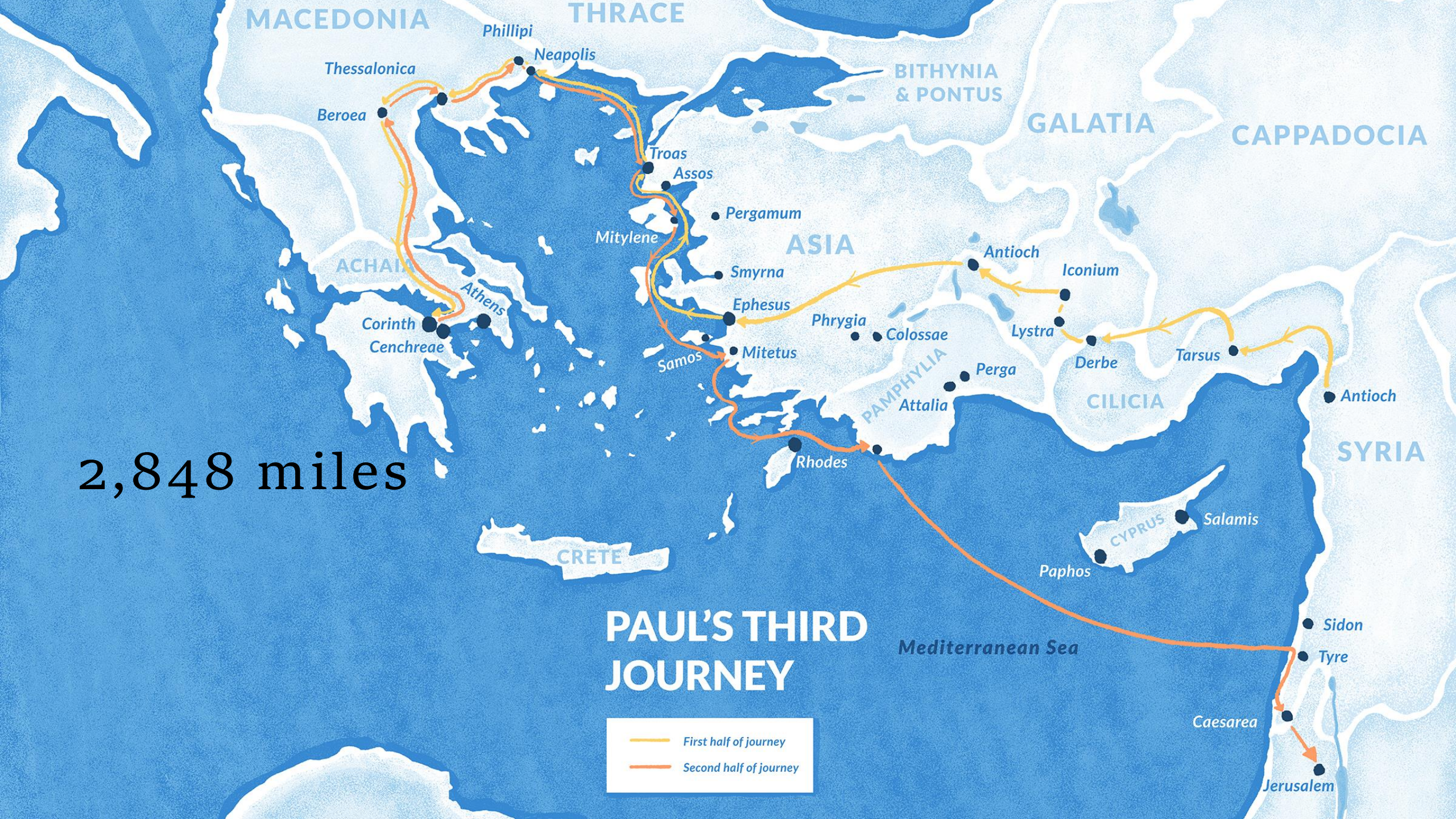




2,862 miles

# PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY





2,848 miles

# PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY

- First half of journey
- Second half of journey



# Romans 15:22-29 NASB

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25 But **now I am going** to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

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# Six Human Needs

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1. **Certainty:** assurance you can avoid pain and gain pleasure
2. **Uncertainty/Variety:** the need for the unknown, change, new stimuli.
3. **Connection/Love:** a strong feeling of closeness or union with someone or something.
4. **Growth:** an expansion of capacity, capability or understanding
5. **Contribution:** a sense of service and focus on helping, giving to and supporting others
6. **Significance:** feeling unique, important, special or needed



**Of the six basic human needs that drive us that obligates us, is having a sense of significance — feeling that we matter, that we're wanted, and appreciated — is critical to our personal growth and well-being.**





# **If you fail to Plan, you plan to fail. If you succeed you will have Significance**

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Observations from a Project manager

- Planning brings a greater possibility to succeed
- You cannot effectively start without a plan
- Planning has requirements
  - End point – what is the result?
  - Requirements, time, materials, personnel
  - Tasks – what do I have to do to get to the end point
  - Dependencies – What order are the tasks
  - Timing – How much time do I have to complete.



# Paul had significance because he had a plan

## Significance never happens without a plan

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What was Paul's plan?

1. He had been prevented going to Rome V22
2. He was done with this present assignment V23.
3. He had a desire go to Rome V23
4. He had a desire go to Spain V24
  1. On my way stopover V24
  2. While in Rome he needed support V24
5. Had to go to Jerusalem. V25
  1. Macedonia and Achaia had a contribution for Jerusalem V26
  2. The contribution was for the poor in Jerusalem V26
  3. They were in debt to Jerusalem both spiritual and material V27
  4. When that was done continue my journeys V28
6. When I get to Rome there will be a blessing V29 (Significance)



# Significance never happens without a plan.

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Paul's plan was following God's plan for him. It brought him significance

- Paul's plan was to reach the unreached.
- Paul's plan was to honor his commitments.
- Paul's plan was to minister wherever he was.
- Paul's plan was to be content in what ever happened to him.
- Paul's plan was to be a carrier of blessing both spiritual and material.
- Paul's plan was to enjoy fellowship with whomever he worked.
- Paul's plan was always never go alone.
- **Paul's plan was always flexible.**



# **What good thing, for the Glory of God, would you like to see happen?**

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## Traps to the lack of Ministry

1. I don't know enough - You have enough
2. My future is not clear enough
3. I don't have a clear enough calling
4. I am not significant
5. I want to my own thing. (priority)



## Four major tasks in his plan to go to Rome.

- Romans 15:25-26 – Rome was west, I have to go to Jerusalem first
  - Bigger need. Offering of the Gentiles for the Jews in Jerusalem
  - He had made a commitment to the Gentiles the offering would arrive
- Romans 15:26 – Contribution (Koinonia) fellowship
  - The unity of the Christianity depended upon the acceptance of the Jews by the gentiles and gentiles by the Jews.
- Romans 15:27 – There was a debt to be paid
  - Gentile Christianity came from Jewish roots
  - Gentile Christianity was in debt. Couldn't spiritually so materially
- Romans 15:28-29 – Paul's plan was to do what he had to do before what wanted to do.



# Significance

- Significance is being counted on to do what you say you are going to do.
- Significance is being open to detours and excelling anyway.
- Significance is being used by God
- Significance is being committed to God's ministry.
- Significance is making a plan and doing it.